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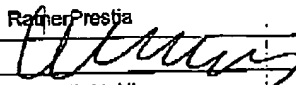
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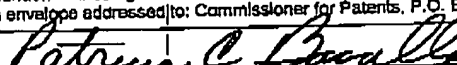
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- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☒ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page 6 of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page 10 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.